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Elba School Board conducts special called meeting on superintendent's contract

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education held a special called meeting Thursday evening, April 11, where the current contract of Superintendent Chris Moseley was discussed.

Before the board began its discussion regarding the contract, there was a request from a community member to address the board. Prior to turning the floor over to that person, board president Johnny Senn announced to the crowd gathered inside the central office that the person would be allowed three uninterrupted minutes to speak. He added that should there be any outburst from someone in the audience that said person would be removed.

Elba alumnus and parent of a current student Raeann McCollough addressed the

board.

"Elba has always been and will always be my home," she said. "I walked in that elementary school building as the first fifth grade class in the new school after the 1990 flood. I was preceded in walking the halls of Elba by my father, my mother, two older brothers, and I had a younger brother come through after me."

McCollough said she is the parent of a current ninth grade student at Elba High School, and she has a 3-year-old child that already knows to wear black and gold every Friday no matter what.

"To say Elba City Schools is important to me is an understatement," she said. "My history runs deep."

In her 42 years as an Elba Tiger, McCollough said the Elba facilities have never been better. She added that



The Elba Board of Education members listen to Superintendent Chris Moseley as he presents his report during the regular monthly board meeting held Tuesday evening, April 16, at the central office. Moseley assured board members during Tuesday night's meeting that he was going to 'bust his hump' for them for the next six months or however long he is employed to do a good job. He said they should all work together as a team for Elba City Schools.

plans have been made and put in place to better the environment for the future too.

"Elba is second to none in the Class 1A classification, and the current administration has done its job in retaining to make sure Elba keeps its bragging rights,"

McCollough said. "There is

new paint, new tables, new floors, new technology in the classrooms, new grass on playing fields, and just recently renovation work began on the outdoor classroom."

She said state report cards were released in December with Elba Elementary School receiving an unheard of 12-point percentile increase in its score.

The high school followed suit with an 8-point increase giving the system an overall 9-point increase on its

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"I personally witnessed teachers, coaches, and administrators encouraging our students during the testing," McCollough said. "Our students went above and beyond to prove Elba still has what it takes to produce highly educated and prosperous students."

In sports, she noted that football went to the final four, girls basketball went to the final fours, and girls volleyball made it to the elite eight, along with the school having back-to-back

state champs in golf recently.

"I haven't even mentioned our academic awards because it would take entirely too long," McCollough added. "Now that I have stated these facts, I just have one simple question to ask you board members. What is it that you are wanting to change?"

She added, "school spirit

is at an all-time high. Our

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During regular monthly Elba School Board meeting

Superintendent says "I am an Elba Tiger"

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Elba City School superintendent Chris Moseley did not get an opportunity to speak during the special called board meeting Thursday evening, April 11, but he did speak earlier this week during the regular monthly meeting of the school board held Tuesday evening, April 16. Once again, there was a large crowd of interested citizens in attendance for the board meeting.

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The superintendent said he had been involved with more discussions that day [Tuesday] with board members than he had been for a long time.

"That is the way it ought to be," he said. "Nobody has come in that office or called me with a concern from an

employee or a concern from a parent. If I don't know there is something that ya'll think is wrong, I can't try to fix it. I can't."

He went further to say that former board member Greg Sowell and he used to talk at least once every week about an issue with a school bus in Sowell's district. He said they stayed on it until it was

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The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Wednesday morning, April 10, to a house fire on Hwy. 87 S in Elba. The call came in at 10:50 a.m. Mutual aide was requested from several other local departments to help battle the fire. The departments worked together to extinguish the blaze. No injuries were reported from this fire incident.

Inmate dies at Coffee County Jail following medical emergency

On Wednesday, April 10, at approximately 1:41 a.m., the Enterprise Police Department arrested Chad Jones, age 45, of Gadsden, Ala. on the charge of Public Intoxication, according to a press release from the Coffee County Sheriff's Office.

Following his arrest, while in custody of the Coffee County Jail, Jones experienced a medical emergency. Enterprise Rescue and the New Brockton Fire Department responded to the Coffee County Jail but was unable to revive Jones.

No foul play is suspected; however, Sheriff Scott Byrd requested The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency conduct an investigation into the incident.

The Sheriff, the District Attorney, and the County Coroner have requested an autopsy to determine the cause of death. The investigation is ongoing and no further information is available at this time.

NOTICE:

The City of Elba and Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "Don't Drop It On Elba" Cleanup this Saturday, April 20, beginning at 10 a.m.

Teams should meet at Tiger Town Park to pickup trash bags. Choose an area of town special to you to clean up, pick up trash, etc.

After picking up trash, return to Tiger Town Park at 11:30 a.m. for lunch provided by the Divaz & Gent's of ELSSRC!

Call the Elba Chamber at 897-3125 for more information.

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Magwood said, "I have been

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tive about that. She indicated

other administrators had

cussed kids and provoked

them to hit them.

"I don't see what is the

big deal about me," she said.

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EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, April 9, 2024, through Monday, April 15, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, April 9 – Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (2:25 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 895 Old Samson Rd (3:01 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 3214 Hickman Ave (11:59 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and one citation.

Wednesday, April 10 – Suspicious circumstances reported at Beaver Dam St (12:56 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 640 Reynolds Ave – w/arrest (1:23 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Pine Circle (7:49 a.m.); Assault reported at 104 Beaver Dam St (8:04 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (10:50 a.m.); Fire reported at 15138 Hwy 87 (10:50 a.m.); Theft by deception reported on Taylor Mill Rd (11:42 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Hwy 189 (1:47 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 111 Deal St (2:08 p.m.); Identity theft reported at 1232 Ann St (2:40 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 804 Hwy 203 (9:22 p.m.); Fire reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (10:59 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Mullins Circle (11:09 p.m.).

Thursday, April 11 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (3:00 a.m.); Burglary reported at 715 Troy Hwy (6:51 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Jones Circle (3:39 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 891 Cedar Lane Dr (4:00 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1739 Hwy 166 (4:40 p.m.); Vandalism reported at 130 Stroud Ave (6:42

p.m.); Drug activity reported on Reynolds Ave (8:17 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (8:18 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 135 Taylor Ave (9:06 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, one citation, and one written warning.

Friday, April 12 – Animal complaint reported at 1118 Caroline St (9:00 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Herman Driggers Dr (4:30 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at Elba Elementary School (5:05 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Saturday, April 13 – Abandoned vehicle reported on Hickman Ave (12:26 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and one written warning.

Sunday, April 14 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 1567 Gibson St (12:24 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 991 Hwy 203 (2:59 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 994 Sunset Blvd (3:10 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported on Payne St (9:53 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 797 Claxton Ave N (11:13 a.m.); Animal bites reported at 850 Cedar Lane Dr – w/citation issued (5:02 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, five citations, and one written warning.

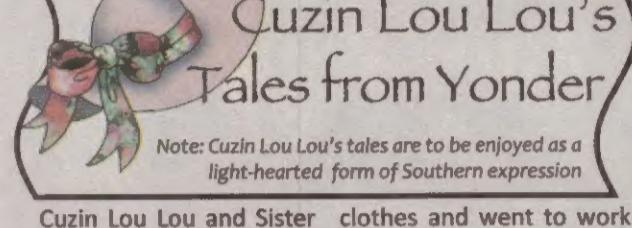
Monday, April 15 – Routine activity. Ten traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, two citations, and four verbal warnings.

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First!



Jaelynn Green enjoyed her first t-ball game for the Elba youth baseball/softball season Thursday evening, April 4th. It also just happened to be her 5th Birthday!! The birthday girl was all smiles as she enjoyed playing the game at Hawkins-Williams Park in Elba with her friends.



Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister have agreed on something...believe it or not!

Last year, Papa constructed a new garage to house Lou 2 when she is not in use. After the construction phase ended, Lou Lou and Papa made a trip to a home improvement store to purchase paint for the outside of the building. Well...that did not turn out so well.

The moment the paint went on, Sister let it be known the color was "absolutely gaudy" and it was a terrible choice made by Lou Lou and Papa. Lou Lou agreed the color did not look good, but she insisted the store folks must have messed up in mixing the paint because that did not look the same as what she picked out!

Fast forward to last weekend, and this time Lou Lou took Sister with her to the home improvement store. The two agreed on a shade of gray to paint the garage this time.

After a hearty breakfast Saturday morning, the two put on their painting

clothes and went to work! They were close to being halfway done before Papa even ventured out to take a look at the progress.

When he did make it out there, Lou Lou jokingly asked, "Are you here to tell us what we are doing wrong?"

Papa just smiled, and insisted he was just there to check out the work... At one point, Sister took a quick break and Papa grabbed her paint roller to help a little, but Sister quickly took the job back over.

"I've got this!" she insisted.

Once the job was finished, the Gang looked it over and all had to admit that it did look much, much better with the gray color! It was truly unbelievable the difference the "right" color made.

Of course, Sister took the credit for that, and while she and Lou Lou did pick the color out together, Lou Lou allowed Sister to have the final say over the color. Her reasoning behind that was in case something went wrong again, this time it would be Sister's fault!

The good news is no one gets blame this time for picking a bad color, and Papa's girls proved they are very capable when it comes painting a building...that paint job is a good one!!

The event better news is Sister is happy, and when Sister is happy, the whole Gang is happy!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

While Mr. Ferrin Cox remains away from the office on medical leave, I thought it might be time to take shot at some editorial commentary...however, I am going to go with "Windy Thoughts" rather than "Brainstorms" because I am just not worthy of Mr. Ferrin's Brainstorms! Hopefully, he will soon feel up to writing his Brainstorms again, and I can let him have all the editorial chatter – whether that may be passing winds or full-on storms. He is working hard every day to do as the medical professionals suggest so he can achieve his goal of returning to the grind.

The Elba School Board meeting from last Thursday night has been the hot topic around town. It is funny that when things are going well somewhere no one really says anything, but let a controversial issue pop up or something bad happen, and everyone wants to share their thoughts. Kind of like 'good news' travels nowhere but 'bad news' travels so fast and far that no one cannot get ahead of it!

The topic of the superintendent's contract definitely created a split in opinions within the community. The interesting view we were privy to hearing following last week's meeting was that of a parent who came to said meeting with a neutral stance on the matter. We stayed some 30-45 minutes after the meeting with this parent talking in the parking lot outside the central office. This parent had questions of "what exactly just happened in there" and there were others that stopped by to talk with us with pretty much the same thoughts. So...we tried our best to explain because, well, no board members stayed around to talk to anyone.

A parent said she came to the meeting because she was interested in learning more about what was going on... she admitted not really having a strong opinion either way regarding the superintendent's contract. The meeting didn't really help her learn anything. Actually, the opposite. She left with more questions than answers. This is why we took the time to stick around and try and discuss things with her. We wanted her to feel she had someone to talk with about the matter. It was the right thing to do.

A point made to us in some of the 'after meeting' thoughts shared during the outside gathering of concerned folks was that it seemed if there were really that many people opposed to renewing the superintendent's contract someone would have been there to speak on the matter. Instead, it appeared the only ones willing to speak and share their thoughts were those interested in keeping the superintendent in place. The question posed in the parking lot was, "where were the naysayers?"

Another question asked to us was why did the board members in favor of sending the superintendent a letter indicating they do not, at the time, have intentions to renew his contract not offer any type of explanation as to why they voted that way. Instead, it was noted that the lone board member voting against the motion to send the letter was the only one to speak up and explain her position. Additionally, the point was made that the only community member on the agenda that requested to address the board spoke in favor of keeping the current superintendent in place. Now, while the board members are not required to 'give a reason' for their position/vote, we do agree it would have been nice to have heard some sort of reasoning behind it. It would have been transparent to hear both sides of the split vote from the board.

The most telling comment to us after the meeting, however, was the one where a parent said, "I expected this meeting to last much longer, but it seemed everyone had their minds made up already." The meeting lasted less than 15 minutes, and it would have been even shorter had the two people mentioned previously not spoken.

We also were asked after the meeting, what can we do now? Our response was whether you agree with or disagree with the decision made by the board, all we can tell you now is hound them. Let them know where you stand, then keep letting them know. There were folks that left the meeting happy and there were folks that left the meeting upset. The folks we took the time to stay afterwards to talk with were confused by the actions because the board did not really give any explanation behind the decision made – our opinion is they should have said something to the people there – even though they may not have been required to do it. Sometimes the "right thing" and the "required thing" are two different things. From where we sat, folks deserved more information so they would have left with better understanding – like it [the decision] or not.

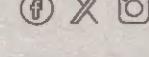
We wish the community showed as much care all the time...not just when a controversial issue arises! Many times the audience at the board meetings consists of us and the central office staff. We go meeting after meeting with no parents, teachers, or other community members there. The meetings are open to the public...take time to attend, know what those appointed to the board are doing. If they are making decisions you agree with, tell them. If they are making decisions you don't agree with, tell them! Board members are appointed, by the city council, to represent the people of their respective municipal district – let them know you want a say in the decisions being made. Don't let it take something like this that has the potential to split the community be the only time you show concern. Show it all the time – the good and the bad! Otherwise, your voice may go unheard.

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and gold and are proud of it.

She said teachers are grinding in classroom to help the students not because it is their job but because they love Elba.

"We have a superintendent with two children enrolled in Elba, and he is focused on making this place the best it can be," McCollough said. "His home is in Elba, his paycheck is spent in Elba, he attends events in Elba."

She said Elba benefits from having a superintendent that supports the community.

"I also want to remind you all that you are in those chairs because you were appointed – to be fair, honest and represent with an unbiased opinion," McCollough said. "Elba Tigers are winning and Elba City Schools are winning. So...I ask again. What do you want to change?"

After thanking McCollough for her comments, the board president continued with the agenda.

"This meeting serves the purpose of notice to provide notice six months in advance regarding the non-renewal of the superintendent's present contract and prevent the automatic extension for an additional one year of [Moseley's] contract to come into existence," Senn said. "This written notice must be received in advance six months before the expiration of the existing contract; therefore, board members I will entertain a motion concerning the board's intention to non-renew the employment contract of Superintendent Chris Moseley regarding Section 14 of the Superintendent Moseley's current contract."

Board member Kristy Astemborski said, "I make a motion that we do not renew the superintendent's contract."

A second to that motion came from board member Debra Clark.

Senn asked for discussion, and board member DeAnn Grantham said she would like to discuss it. She said she wanted to explain the process some of how things got to where they were since none of the other board members were serving on the board when Moseley was hired.

"When I came on the board, Elba had another superintendent that resigned," she said. "Dr. Dennis Coe came in from the state at that time to help us and presented some facts. We were financially broke along with several other things."

Grantham said Dr. Coe recommended some immediate changes in employment to keep the school system from having to go to bank to borrow money.

"After we fixed some things to stop the hemorrhaging of money, we, the board members, had a discussion about hiring new superintendent."

She said Dr. Coe and board attorney Merrill Shirley presented five candidates for the job, and Coe said any of the five would be a good superintendent for Elba.

Grantham said the board members sat down and discussed together some things/goals they want to see accomplished.

"The board at the time had been through numerous superintendents," Grantham said. "We wanted someone that was going to provide consistency – someone who didn't want to use Elba as just a stepping stone. We also wanted someone who could wear multiple hats because of our finances. We could not afford to hire a federal programs coordinator."

She said the five candidates were interviewed, and the board decided Mr. Moseley was the best candidate to fulfill those goals.

When time came in 2020 to begin looking at his contract renewal, she said Gladys Yelverton was board president at that time. The board decided to have a third-party person that no one knew come in and complete an evaluation of Moseley's performance as superintendent.

"That person gave rave reviews [on his performance]," Grantham said. "After that, we entered into a new contract with him."

She said that is how such matters are normally handled and how they had been done in past.

"To be fair, I feel like that has not happened this time," Grantham said. "I don't understand why we haven't done that this time. I don't understand why we didn't move in that direction. I feel like Mr. Moseley has given us years of his life, and out of respect for him, we should have done

that."

She said if there were issues with Moseley, the board members could have discussed that with him.

"But...to automatically non-renew him because of a timeline...that is very disrespectful, especially when things are going in a positive direction for our school," Grantham said. "And...we still cannot afford to hire a federal programs person. Moseley still wears multiple hats today. If he is not employed here in six months, whomever is here will have to wear multiple hats."

Grantham said she just feels like someone with experience is a lot more valuable to the school system than what could be if Moseley is non-renewed for the position.

When no other board member opted to discuss the matter, Superintendent Moseley asked if he would be allowed to discuss or speak.

Senn did not acknowledge Moseley's question and moved on without answering Moseley.

"At this time, we have a motion and a second," Senn said.

He asked for the vote.

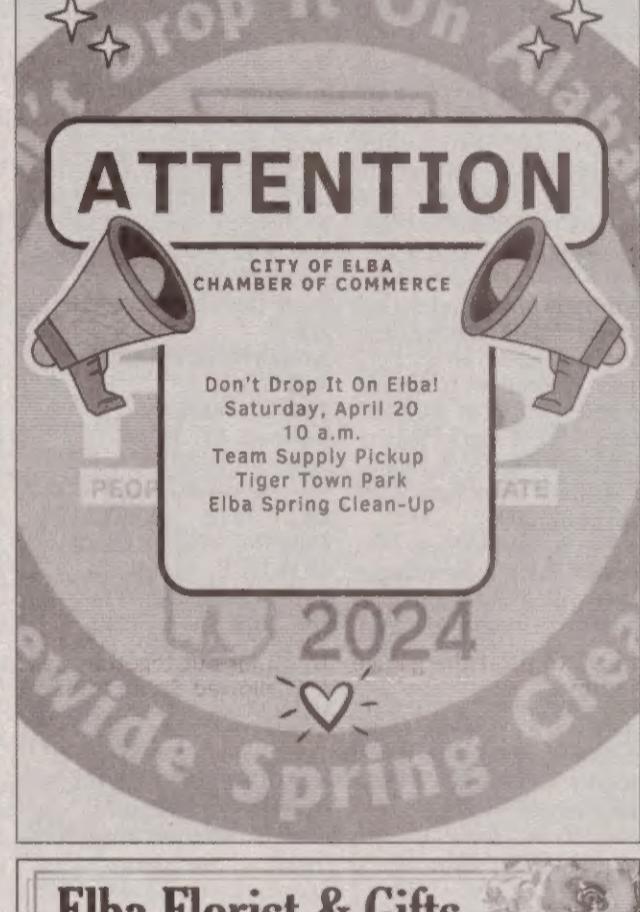
Board members Astemborski, Clark and Miranda Russell voted in favor of Astemborski's motion to non-renew. Board member Grantham opposed the motion.

Senn then tried to entertain a motion to adjourn, but the board attorney interrupted reminding him that all the business that needed conducting had not been completed.

"I need to receive a motion to allow the president of board [Johnny Senn] to notify Chris Moseley in writing that board has no present intention to renew his contract and to be accomplished by or before six months prior notice provision as required by Section 14 to avoid automatic extension," Senn said.

Said motion was made by Russell with a second from Astemborski. It too was approved by majority vote with Russell, Astemborski, and Clark voting in favor, and Grantham opposed the motion.

Senn then adjourned the meeting.



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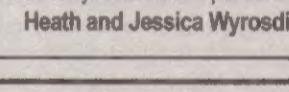
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JAMES REX BRYAN

Mr. James Rex Bryan, age 81, of Alexander City, Ala., died Sunday, April 14, 2024, at his residence.



2024, at Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home, Williamstown, Ky.

A visitation also will be held Friday, April 19, 2024, at Hayes Funeral Home, Elba, Ala., from 12 noon until 1:40 p.m. This visitation will be followed by graveside services at 2 p.m. at New Home Cemetery in Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing the local services.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held at this time. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the Bryan family.

Mr. Bryan was preceded in death by his parents - Bill & Ruby Bryan; and sisters - Geraldine Burch, and Dorothy Jean Milner.

Survivors include his wife: Angela Bryan, Alexander City; son: Ashley (Michelle) Bryan, Dothan, Ala.; daughter: Tammy (John) Woodall; brother-in-law: John Milner, Cantonment, Fla.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter: Claudine (Thurman) Kinman, Jonesville; a sister: Cleatsie Mae Howell, Fairview, Ala.; two granddaughters: Scott (Crystal) Kinman, Jonesville, and Pamela (Jerome) Jackson, of Alabama; six great-grandchildren: Kelsey Perkins, Noel Howell, Alexis Kinman, Chloe Kinman, Shelby Kinman, and Bella Kinman; and three great-great-grandchildren: Dawson Perkins, Lainey Pettit, and Ryder Howell.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.
CASE NO.: 2024-715
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: BABY BOY BACON
DOB 09/04/2017
Minor

within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee
County, Alabama

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Administrator

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4/11,18&25-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on

the Estate of **KATHERINE SAVIDGE**, deceased,

In the Matter of the Estate of **ROBERT EARL CRAWFORD**, deceased.

Case No.: PR-2024-063

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of

the Estate of **Robert Earl Crawford**, having been granted

to **James Crawford**, Personal Representative, on

the 8th day of April, 2024

by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee

County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having

claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Molly Stellner
/s/ Rick G. Burch

MOLLY STELLNER
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Personal Representatives

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO.: 8688

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of

said deceased having been granted to **Christopher David Underwood** on

the 4th day of April 2024, by the Honorable **Toby Seay**, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having

claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Toby Seay
Toby Seay

Geneva County Judge of Probate

4/11,18&25-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of

the Estate of **ROBERT GEORGE MCPHERSON**, deceased

CASE NO. PC-2024-708

NOTICE

To: Timothy McPherson

Whereabouts Unknown

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that Adam J. McPherson, as

Executor of the Estate of Robert George McPherson, deceased, filed his Petition for Probate of Will and

Letters Testamentary, on the 22nd day of February, 2024, and that the 8th day of May, 2024, at 10:30 o'clock A.M.

has been appointed to hear said Petition. Said hearing will take place at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama.

DONE this 4th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Toby Seay
Toby Seay, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Nancy Rae Waldrop Sartin

Deceased

CASE NO. PR-2024-062

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the

estate of **teddy glenn howell**, deceased

CASE NO. PR-2024-062

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration having been granted to

Richard W. Whittaker as Administrator for the Estate of Nancy Rae Waldrop Sartin, deceased, on the

5th day of April, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee

County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having

claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

GIVEN Under my hand this

3rd day of April, 2024.

/s/ Amy L. Reeves

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ESCC announces 2024 graduation parking procedures

Parking procedures for Enterprise State Community College's 2024 graduation ceremony will be similar to last year's procedures, thanks to continuing construction of a new Performing Arts Center and other facility work on the ESCC campus, with some changes.

Graduation will be held on the green in front of Wallace Administration Building on May 9. That day, Parking Lot D (behind Forrester Hall and beside Lolley Gymnasium) will be open only to students for parking. All students

will be asked to arrive on campus prior to graduation services by 3:30 p.m. Students are asked to report to Boll Weevil Central (located in Snuggs Hall) once they arrive on campus. After checking in at BWC, students are welcome to have their photo taken by the College's photographer at the William "Bo" Weevil statue at the front of the campus from 3:30-5p.m.

Friends, family, other spectators and overflow student parking will be located in the Crossroads Community Church (Old College Cinema) Parking Lot across the street from campus and the ESCC baseball/softball complex on George Wallace Drive. Additional overflow parking will be located at Brookwood Elementary School.

Buses will be running to each location every 15 minutes to pick up visitors. Bus drop off and pick up on campus will be located at the track behind Lolley Gymnasium. The last bus will run at approximately

5:45pm for visitor pickup. Campus police officers and college CERT members will be on scene at all off-site parking locations during the ceremony. All buses will also be available immediately after the ceremony to return visitors to their vehicles.

Handicap parking and

parking for special guests will be in Parking Lot A (next to Talmadge Hall). Faculty and staff will park in the green above the track off George Wallace Drive.

Graduation services will begin at 6 p.m. under the oaks in front of Wallace Administration Building on May 9. The ceremon-

ies will also be streamed live on the Enterprise State Community College Facebook page.

For more information about ESCC Graduation Services, visit escc.edu/graduation.

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of the Estate of Janice H. Bowden, Deceased. Case No.: 8707

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Janice H. Bowden, deceased, having been granted to Henry Don Bowden, Personal Representative, on the 21st day of February, 2024 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge for Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 21st day of February, 2024. /s/ Toby L. Seay Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge 4/11,18&25-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF MARY HALL COOK, Deceased. CASE NO: PC2024-007

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Terry Edward Hall on the 2nd day of April, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 2nd day of April 2024. Terry Edward Hall Personal Representative

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM HENRY MULLINS, III, Deceased. CASE NO: PC2024-13

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Bernadette Mullins on the 2nd day of April, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 2nd day of April 2024. Bernadette Mullins Personal Representative

Matt Brunson Attorney for Estate 4/11,18&25-pd.

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Jonathan Smothers, Esq. ALAW 420 North 20th Street, Suite 2249 Birmingham, AL 35203 Attorney for Mortgagee/ Transferee 24-005966 4/11,18&25-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF BETINA ELAINE FORD, Deceased. Case No.: 24-712

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Letters Testamentary were granted to MARCHELLE TOLBERT on the 11th day of April, 2024. Notice is hereby given that all per-

sons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

MARCHELLE TOLBERT Personal Representative

David F. Holmes, Attorney P.O. Box 1180 Slocomb, AL 36375 334-886-3123 4/18,25&5/2-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN E. CHRISTIAN, JR., Deceased. CASE NO. PR-2024-046

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN STEVEN MCDOUGALD, DECEASED CASE NO. 8697

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION IN THE MATTER OF BETINA ELAINE FORD, Deceased. Case No.: 24-712

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Wesley L. Laird Patrick Daniel McDougald, Personal Representative c/o Wesley L. Laird, Attorney at Law P.O. Box 310272

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JERRY BENJAMIN JOHNSON, Deceased. CASE NO. PR-2024-046

NOTICE OF HEARING You will please that notice that on the 15th day of March, 2024, a certain instrument in writing, titled *Petition to Open Interstate Estate* was filed by Karla Justice, the surviving spouse of Jerry Benjamin Johnson and that the 15th day of May, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. was appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

DONE this the 15th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge Coffee County, Alabama 4/18,25&5/2-pd.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION OF AN UN-NAMED ROAD

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 13, 2024, at 9:00 am, at the Coffee County Complex, Commission Meeting Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama 36351, the County Commission of Coffee County, Alabama will hold a public hearing on the vacation of an un-named road, proposing to vacate said purported road and right of way described as follows:

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and obligations of the property.

Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may submit a written objection to the Commission at the following address: Coffee County Complex, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama 36351, Attention: County Administrator, or may request an opportunity to be heard at the said public hearing. Immediately after said public hearing, the County Commission will take up, consider, and vote upon a proposed resolution approving said vacation.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Nanny and our number two grandson Cannon both got a little sun over the weekend as they took advantage of the beautiful sunny weather to stay outside for hours playing with his fire truck and watching birds. Cannon would live outside if you let him, and he can't wait until the temperature gets high enough so he can get in the poll. The joys of youth!

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers upped their winning streak** to six games last week and have definitely set a solid foundation for Tiger teams to come with their late-season surge and improvement in all areas of play. The players deserve a lot of credit for the hard work they were willing to put in after a slow start, as do the coaches, who never quit teaching and returned to the fundamentals of the game to teach the players the 'right way' to play the game. Don't look now, but baseball is back at Elba High and better days are ahead.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers split two games last week**, but impressed me by bouncing back after a disappointing loss to Kinston to claim a big road win over 2A Goshen. The Elba girls could have been caught thinking about their first loss of the season. However, they rebounded in a big way and for the fifth time this season ended a win in five innings due to the ten-run rule. I know there are still a lot of big games on the schedule, including the area tournament, but the Lady Tigers have already proven they can win and hopefully will continue that trait in days to come.

*** **It was a busy week for teams in the area** on both the baseball and softball fields, and with the playoffs just around the corner, even more excitement is ahead. Brantley won the 1A, Area 3 crown and as always will be a team to watch in the post-season, and while Kinston settled for second in its area, the Bulldogs are a solid team and have a chance to pull off a couple of upsets once the playoffs get underway. New Brockton surprised Opp in the first game of its three-game series, but then lost the next two games by a combined score of 31-2 and will have to regroup in a hurry to be a 3A contender, while Zion Chapel will miss the playoffs, but were much better than their records may make one think and continued the Rebels success on the ballfield. Over on the softball field, Zion Chapel knocked off 3A Opp and 5A Andalusia in a tournament and has to be a contender for a state tournament berth, while Brantley won a pair of games at a tournament in Dothan and despite its less than impressive record is still very much a 1A title contender, Kinston won three games at a tournament in Andalusia and is no doubt playing its best ball of the season at just the right time, and New Brockton won two games over the weekend to pump life into the Lady Gamecocks with the area tournament coming up. With the playoffs beginning this week in baseball and the area tournaments just a week away in softball, I urge all fans to get out of the house and support your teams. They certainly deserve it!

*** **Elba running back Alvin Henderson** ended months of guessing by area football fans last week when he committed to Penn State. The commitment to the Nittany Lions came as a surprise to many, but not to the folks up in 'Happy Valley,' which reported earlier in the week that he had chosen Penn State. Reports are that Alvin told the folks at Penn State that he still intended to make some more official visits to other colleges, which may mean the Tiger standout could still change his mind before signing next winter. Since most Elba Tiger fans don't believe Henderson will actually go to Penn State, I guess that means the guessing game will go on for many more months.

*** **In closing....** Alabama held its annual spring football game last weekend in front of over 70,000 Crimson Tide fans, and while the grass on the field didn't look good, the play on the field was impressive with the newly installed offense rolling up and down the field in the first half behind the play of its running backs and strong-armed quarterbacks. I know several players will probably head out this week to enter the portal and others will head to T-town to join the Tide, but it was evident last weekend that there is still plenty of excitement at Alabama even with the new coaching staff in place. I just hope there is as much excitement next season. Roll Tide!

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Sweep Pleasant Home

Elba Tigers extend winning streak

The Elba Tigers ran their winning streak to six games last week with a 10-0, 16-4 area sweep over the Pleasant Home Eagles.

The Tigers hosted the Eagles on Tuesday night and rode the pitching of Ty Sieving and a 6-run outburst in the third inning to roll to an impressive 10-0 win. A leadoff single by Jaden Baker in the third inning ignited the Elba fireworks, while Powell Bane added an RBI single and circled the bases and Brayden Johnson ripped a bases-loaded triple and later scored on an error as the Tigers took charge. Cameron Gray was hit by a pitch to lead off the fourth and scored on a sacrifice fly by Jay Wilson to up the lead to 7-0, and Gray added an RBI hit in the fifth as the Tigers took command and posted the big area win.

Powell Bane had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 RBI's to lead Elba at the plate, while Brayden Johnson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 RBI's; Cameron Gray added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI; Colin Arnold added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI; and, Jaden Baker added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Ty Sieving pitched a complete game shutout and allowed only five hits, with seven strikeouts.

The Tigers traveled to Pleasant Home on Thursday night and scored 5 runs in both the fifth and sixth innings to pull away and drop the Eagles 16-4.

Lady Tigers swing big sticks in 12-2 victory over Goshen

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Goshen last Thursday afternoon and came home after claiming a solid 12-1 win over the Goshen Lady Eagles.

Elba wasted little time taking command in the game as Destinee Tidwell led off with a single and Kaleigh Russell and Danielle Tidwell both walked to load the bases with no outs. Ana Caldwell followed with a line drive to the fence that drove in all three Lady Tiger base runners, and Mary B. O'Neal followed with an RBI single to put Elba on top 4-0 after five batters.

A single by Lady Stinson drove in courtesy runner Hillary Hudson, and an inside the park home run by A'Lyric Whitfield pushed the lead to 7-0 as the Lady Tigers took command early.

A leadoff single by Danielle Tidwell in the second sparked a 3-run outburst as the Lady Tigers upped their advantage to 10-0. Tidwell scored on an RBI single by Mary B. O'Neal, and A'Lyric Whitfield added 2 hits and scored 2 runs.

Mary B. O'Neal added 2 hits and 1 RBI; Lady Stinson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI; Haley Tucker added 1 hit; and, Kaleigh Russell scored 1 run.

Mary B. O'Neal pitched five innings and allowed one earned run on two hits and two walks, while striking out three.

Destinee Tidwell had 3 hits and 14 walks, while recording 15 strikeouts.

Lyla Bruce had 2 hits, scored 3 runs, had 2 RBI's and stole 5 bases to lead Kinston, while Bella Lashley added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Madisyn Jones scored 3 runs, and Brynne Kelley and Lauren Norris both scored 2 runs.

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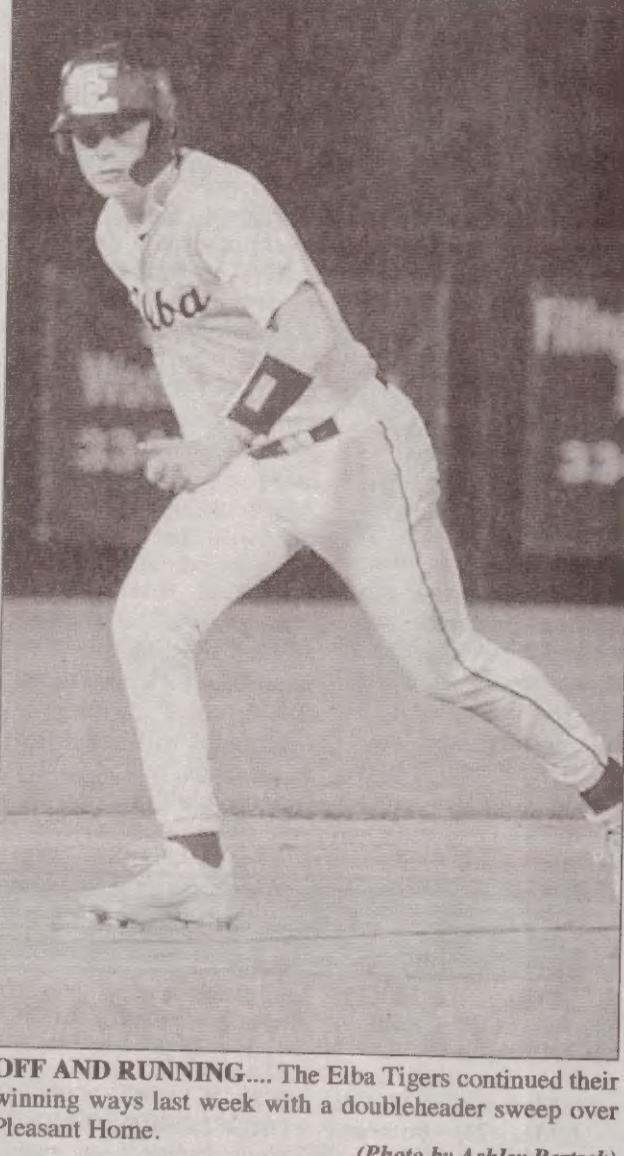
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Two walks, a hit batter and a bases loaded double by Easton McKelvy sparked an early Elba outburst that put the Tigers on top 3-0 in the opening inning. However, the Tigers failed to score in the second and third and watched as Pleasant Home pulled within 3-2 heading into the fourth. An RBI double by Cameron Gray sparked a five-run fourth inning rally which was aided by a number of Eagle errors, while a bunt single by Colin Arnold sparked the fifth inning fireworks that were aided by an RBI single by Cameron Gray and was helped by three hit batters and two more Eagle errors. Elba closed out the scoring and the game in the sixth inning on a solo home run by Cameron Gray and an RBI single by Ty Sieving to complete the two game series sweep.

Cameron Gray had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 RBI's to lead Elba at the plate, while Brayden Johnson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 RBI's; Cameron Gray added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI; Colin Arnold added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 RBI's; Easton McKelvy added 1 hit and 2 RBI's; and, Brayden Johnson and Colin Arnold both added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Cameron Gray pitched five innings and allowed one earned run on five hits, while striking out six, to get the win on the mound, while Colin Arnold pitched one inning and allowed one earned run on three walks.



OFF AND RUNNING.... The Elba Tigers continued their winning ways last week with a doubleheader sweep over Pleasant Home.

(Photo by Ashley Bertsch)



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson was dressed in Penn State attire last week after committing to the Nittany Lions at a ceremony at Elba High.

Alvin Henderson picks Penn State

"Hey, Nittany Lions, I'm coming home!"

With those words spoken in front of nationwide recruiting services and anxious collegiate football coaches and fans, Elba Tiger running back Alvin Henderson ended months of speculation last week when he announced he was committed to continuing his football career at Penn State University.

Henderson, ranked as the #3 running back and #36 overall high school player in the nation in the 2025 class, had narrowed down his list of 74 offers to a final five of Penn State, Auburn, Oregon, Florida State and Miami, and committed to the Nittany Lions over other such collegiate powers as Alabama, Georgia, Ohio State, Notre Dame, Texas and Southern Cal.

"The main thing I love about Penn State is they develop their running backs," stated Henderson, after the signing ceremony at Elba High School, on Thursday, April 11. "I feel it is a better place for me to go being from Alabama. I want to try something new, continue my career in college and dominate on the field the way I have in high school. The final two were Penn State and Auburn. A few boxes outweighed other schools and when me and my family sat down and talked we agreed Penn State was the best overall fit."

Henderson, 5'9", 198, set numerous state records as a junior at Elba High in helping the Tigers reached the semifinals of the Class 1A playoffs. The junior standout rushed for 3,523 yards and 61 touchdowns, averaged 15.7 yards per carry, caught 5 passes for 124 yards and 1 touchdown, passed for 119 yards and 1 touchdown, and added 5 touchdowns on special teams.

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SPORTS NEWS



BRANTLEY BULLDOGS - CLASS 1A, AREA 3 CHAMPIONS.... The Brantley Bulldogs clinched the area title and the homefield advantage in the playoffs last week with big area wins. The (14-5) Bulldogs will host (7-13) Berry Friday afternoon in a doubleheader, with game times set for 4:30 and 7:00 pm. If needed, a third game will be played Saturday at 1 pm.



NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCK SENIORS.... were honored at a recent game. Pictured above (l-r) are #24 Josh Gutierrez, #9 Hunter White, #5 Payton Green, #15 Kyle GaVette, #11 Riley Simmons, #10 Trent Smith, #8 Hunter Bedsole and #14 Blake Peterson. The Gamecocks will compete this week in the Class 3A playoffs.

High School

SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Statistics by GameChanger

(BASEBALL)

Zion Chapel 13 Highland Home 3 – The Zion Chapel Rebels jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the third inning and coasted in with a 13-3 win over Highland Home. Macon Allen had 3 hits and 4 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Brayden Benbow added 2 hits; Wes Braisted added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; John Foster Hamm added 1 hit and scored 3 runs; and, Kavan Brown added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Brady Flowers pitched six innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits, with five strikeouts.

Rehobeth 8 New Brockton 5 – The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and saw a late rally fall short in an 8-5 loss to Rehobeth. Payton Green had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Riley Simmons added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Hayden Pope and Gavin Hand both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Four Gamecock pitchers combined to toss seven innings and allowed five earned runs on nine hits and six walks.

Brantley 6 Zion Chapel 2 – The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind 4-0 in the third inning and never recovered in a 6-2 loss to the Brantley Bulldogs. Brady Flowers and Wes Braisted both had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Rebels, while Austin Jordan added 2 hits and 1 rbi and John Foster Hamm added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Hamm, Jordan and Braisted combined to pitch seven innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits and five walks. Jayden Parks had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Cooper Layton added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Tyson Grant added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Thomas Williamson added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Parks and Layton combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on eight hits, with 11 strikeouts.

Florala 5 Kinston 0 – The Kinston Bulldogs managed only two hits in a 5-0 area loss to Florala. Drew Branch and Brodie Walker both had 1 hit to lead the Bulldogs, while CJ Lunsford and Cade Jones combined to pitch seven innings and allowed four earned runs on seven hits and five walks, while striking out eight.

Florala 5 Kinston 0 – The Kinston Bulldogs managed only one hit in a 5-0 area loss to Florala. CJ Lunsford had the only Bulldog hit, while Cade Jones and Drew Branch combined to pitch seven innings and allowed four earned runs on five hits and four walks, while striking out seven.

New Brockton 2 Opp 1 – The New Brockton Gamecocks pushed across the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning in a 2-1 area win over Opp. Hayden Pope had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Riley Simmons, Trent Smith and Baylon Fosters all added 1 hit. Trent Smith pitched eight and two-thirds innings and allowed no earned runs on four hits, with 10 strikeouts, while Payton Green pitched one-third of an inning and picked up the win.

Pike Lib 10 Zion Chapel 8 – The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind 7-0 early and saw a furious seventh inning rally fall short in a 10-8 loss. Wes Braisted had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels, while Brodie Stinson added 1 hit and scored 3 runs, and Brady Flowers scored 2 runs. Five Zion Chapel pitchers combined to toss six innings and allowed 10 earned runs on eight hits and 11 walks.

Brantley 19 Pleasant Home 0 – The Brantley Bulldogs used a 15-run first inning to take command in a 19-0 rout over Pleasant Home. Thomas Williamson had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Hank Johnson added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Kendrick Welch added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's. Jon Harper Kilcrease and Thomas Williamson combined to pitch a three-inning no-hitter with five strikeouts.

Opp 10 New Brockton 0 – The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and never rallied in a 10-0 loss to Opp. Payton Green and Blake Peterson had the only Gamecock hits in the area loss, while Gavin Wood and Josh Gutierrez combined to pitch four innings and allowed 10 earned runs on seven hits and five walks.

Opp 21 New Brockton 2 – The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their area title hopes end in a 21-2 loss to Opp. Riley Simmons had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Payton Green added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Six New Brockton pitchers combined to toss four innings and allowed 20 earned runs on 18 hits and eight walks.

Wicksburg 3 Zion Chapel 2 – The Zion Chapel Rebels saw a 2-0 sixth inning lead slip away in a 3-2 loss to Wicksburg. Brodie Stinson had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Rebels, while John Foster Hamm added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Weston Watson added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Wes Braisted and Austin Jordan combined to pitch seven innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits and three walks, while striking out eight.

(SOFTBALL)

Dale County 3 Brantley 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw a late 2-2 tie evaporate in a 3-2 loss to Dale County. Savannah Nichols had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Brantley, while Kaitlyn Piggott added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Alex Grimes added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Anna Parker Little pitched four and two-thirds innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits and two walks.

Houston Academy 9 Brantley 2 – The Brantley Lady

Bulldogs fell behind 7-0 in the third inning and never recovered in a 9-2 loss to Houston Academy. Anna Parker Little hit a 2-run homer to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Emma Crawley added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Alex Grimes pitched four innings and allowed eight earned runs on nine hits and three walks.

Zion Chapel 5 Luverne 3 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels scored 3 runs in the first inning to jump ahead early and wrapped up the area title with a 5-3 win over Luverne. Riley Bannin hit a home-run and knocked in two runs to lead the Lady Rebels, while Madison Meeks added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, Shea Wambles added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Kaylee Hodge, Elly Sheets and Aubrey Bassett all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Sydney Boothe pitched seven innings and allowed three earned runs on seven hits, with three strikeouts.

Kinston 18 Elba 3 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs combined three hits with 14 walks to blast the Elba Lady Tigers 18-3. Lyla Bruce had 2 hits, scored 3 runs, had 2 rbi's and stole five bases to lead Kinston, while Bella Lashley added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Lilli Sumblin pitched seven innings and allowed two earned runs on eight hits, while striking out 14.

Pike County 17 New Brockton 10 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were tied at 7-7 entering the fifth inning, but saw the game slip away late in a wild 17-10 loss to Pike County. Ariana Smith had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead New Brockton, while Jenna Kate Weeks added 2 hits and 3 rbi's; Brooklyn Downing added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Mackenzie Jones added 2 hits and 2 rbi's; and, Emily Peeples added 2 hits and 1 run. Jones and Kallie Quals combined to pitch seven innings and allowed 16 earned runs on 23 hits and five walks.

Kinston 16 Emmanuel Christian 1 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs used a 14-run second inning to take command and rolled to a 16-1 win over Emmanuel Christian. Camdyn Norris had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Madisyn Jones added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Brynn Kelley added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Bella Lashley added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Aubrey Norris added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Emily Peeples added 2 hits and 1 run. Jones and Kallie Quals combined to pitch seven innings and allowed 16 earned runs on 23 hits and five walks.

New Brockton 16 Samson 5 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks rallied from a 2-0 third inning deficit to post a big 16-5 win over Samson. Mackenzie Jones had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Brooklyn Downing added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; LaTerria Adams added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; and, Jenna Kate Weeks added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's.

Kinston 5 Andalusia 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 5-0 win over Andalusia. Lilli Sumblin had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Kinston, while Camdyn Norris added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Bella Lashley added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Aubrey Brown added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Sumblin pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits, with six strikeouts.

Opp 5 Zion Chapel 0 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels failed to get a hit in a 5-0 loss to Opp, in a tournament in Andalusia. The Lady Rebels trailed 2-0 entering the fifth inning, but failed to rally and suffered the loss. Riley Bannin pitched seven innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits and three walks.

Opp 5 Kinston 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs failed to get a hit in a 5-0 loss to Opp, in the finals of a tournament in Andalusia. The Lady Bulldogs, which were playing in their fifth game of the day, trailed only 1-0 after four innings, but ran out of gas and settled for second in the event. Lauren Norris and Lilli Sumblin combined to pitch five innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits and two walks.

New Brockton 10 Samson 0 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks completed a double-header sweep with 10-0 win over Samson. Gabby Eubanks had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Jenna Kate Weeks added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Mackenzie Jones added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Ella Kate Bowers added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Bowers pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, with five strikeouts.

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